

Coins

Spoons' owner gets a stirring lesson in value

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Q—I have several large serving spoons made from silver coins melted down during the Civil War. I was wondering if there is any coin collector value to these spoons, or should I just keep them as a conversation item?—P. S., Bartonville, Ill.

A—The fact that your spoons are made from melted silver coins does not give them a special value to a coin collector. However, your spoons [if, indeed, made during the Civil War] are antiques and are likely to be valuable to a collector of antique spoons.

Q—What would my 1967 French 10-franc silver coin be worth?—P. N., Fond du Lac, Wis.

A—About \$4 in very fine condition, or \$6.50 in uncirculated condition, according to the Standard Catalog of World Coins. The coin has a mintage of 10.1 million, which is high for this series of coins.